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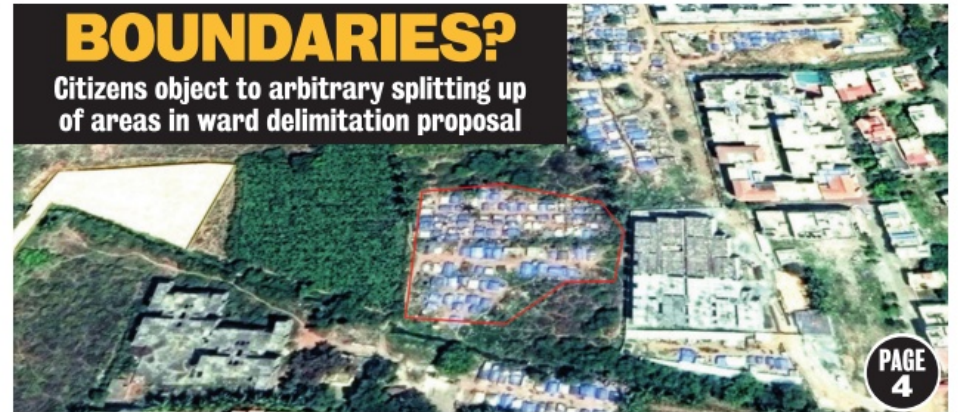
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ROLE MODEL

Best teacher in the state explains joys and tribulations of her responsibilities

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BOUNDARIES?

Citizens object to arbitrary splitting up of areas in ward delimitation proposal

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Of 46 projects taken up by Bengaluru Smart City Ltd, 41 are completed. Citizens, however, say some of the work is not comprehensive and quality is questionable too

STREET SMART, BUT FALLING APART

Majority of sanctioned fund has been used, pending amount to be released: Official

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According to the officials from Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL), the agency has completed nearly 90% of the smart city projects. BSCL took up 46 projects in Bengaluru after it was established in 2018 and of these, 41 have reached completion. Out of the total 46 projects, 32 involved redevelopment of various stretches in the city. Citizens, however, are not convinced that most of these projects meet the standards of a smart-city plan.

"Currently, five projects are under progress, while 41 have been wrapped up. These five projects include upgradation of the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium building, construction of a multi-level car parking facility in the Gandhi Bazaar area, redevelopment of KR Market Centre building, renovation of the meat market, and the Integrated Command and Control Centre. BSCL is planning to wrap up the majority of the pending projects

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“The quality of these roads, whether with regard to road surface or street lights, has been poor. Moreover, walkability index of smart city road is poor

—Rajkumar Dugar, civic activist

Pooja done, lake left in God's hands?

More than a year-and-a-half after ceremonial show of rejuvenation work at Vengai Lake, project yet to start



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Apooja was done 20 months ago, to mark the much-delayed rejuvenation of Vengai Lake. That's all very good, but unfortunately, other than leaving matters to divine intervention, nothing much has happened on the ground.

The pooja was held in December 2021 by the then Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj and work order was issued to a contractor in January 2022 but the rejuvenation of the lake is yet to begin.

This restoration work has been pending for quite a long time. Residents of the area and lake activists have been running pillar to post all these years appealing to the authorities concerned to revive the water body but they got only assurances all these years. The residents and lake activists attended the pooja in December 2021 and felt very happy to know the lake would be rejuvenated at an estimated cost of Rs 4 crore.

"We attended the pooja happily because the rejuvenation of the lake was pending for many years. The water body is filled with sewage and weeds. It is not only stinking

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On Teachers' Day

A CLASS ACT

Science teacher from Hebbal who's adjudged best in state talks about the highs and lows of her noble profession

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Met Indira PG, who is feeling elated about being chosen for the state-level best teacher award for the year 2023-24. Indira has been working as a science teacher at Karnataka Public School, Hebbal, for more than a decade. Indira is the only teacher among government high school teachers in Bengaluru to get this honour for 2023-24.

On Monday, teachers and students of Karnataka Public School congratulated Indira for being selected for the state-level best teacher award.

"I have been working here since 2011. Prior to this, I was working at a Government High School, Devanahalli. Before joining the Karnataka Public School, Hebbal, I worked in rural areas, and children are known for humility and discipline. Initially, I found it tough to take classes here," said Indira with a smile.

Narrating how the unruly behaviour of a student made her think of quitting the job, Indira said that she even discussed the incident with her husband, who works as a scientist at a multinational company. "I was shocked when a student behaved rudely in the classroom. I did not beat him or shout at him, but I asked him to keep quiet. He got angry and challenged me. This incident made me sad, and I



Indira PG taking class at Karnataka Public School, Hebbal

“Bringing dropout students back to school is a challenge for teachers. Students dropout of school for various reasons. Teachers have to counsel such students

—Indira PG, a teacher

thought of quitting the job," she expressed.

Indira added that the student did not pass the SSLC but became a good human being. "My joy knows no bounds whenever that student happens to meet me while I am going home from school. Though he could not pass the SSLC, he became a good human being. I consider it a success. What is the use of possessing graduation certificates if he or she is not a good human being?" she explained.

Furthermore, she said that she wants to suggest that the education department contact

students to learn about the contributions of their teachers while choosing the best teacher award. "I am of the opinion that students are the best judges to judge the performance and contribution of their teachers. It helps more and more teachers get selected for the Best Teacher Awards. There are many teachers who deserve to get the best teacher awards," she said.

She worked as covid warrior for more than one and a half months at Sahakar Nagar during the covid pandemic. She successfully brought four dropout students to the

school. "Bringing dropout students back to school is a challenge for teachers. Students dropout of school for various reasons. Teachers have to counsel such students by explaining the benefits of continuing education and how education makes them somebody in society. We forget everything, including domestic problems, when we enter the classroom and mingle with students. The sound—good morning, Ma'am—by students makes us forget all our problems," she mentioned.

It is said the teachers are selected for the best teacher award based on the following criteria: whether the teacher is punctual in attending school, attending meetings, and counselling dropout students; and whether the teacher contributed to the development of the school.

Sweet tribute: Honouring incredible educators

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As students nationwide celebrate Teachers' Day today, Don Bosco College is gearing up for a unique and inspiring Teachers' Day celebration. The college is dedicating this special occasion to the scientists of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Teachers' Day, traditionally a time to appreciate educators, has taken on a new dimension at Don Bosco College, situated at TC Palya in Bengaluru East. The students of Don Bosco College have participated in a heartfelt gesture by preparing personalised greeting cards for each scientist at ISRO, expressing their gratitude and best wishes on this occasion.

Nithin Kumar, a BCom student, told BM that preparing personalised greeting cards gives him immense pleasure. "I am very happy to prepare a greeting card for



Students making personalised greeting cards for ISRO scientists

ISRO scientists who contributed to the success of Chandrayaan 3," said Kumar.

Stating that ISRO scientists made India proud with their dedication, Tarun Anand, a BCA student, said that he wanted to thank the ISRO scientists through personalised greeting cards. "I am very happy to be part of this initiative. The ISRO scientists are our inspiration," added Anand.

In a statement, the college principal,

Rev Fr Shajan Noronha SDB, said, "We believe that teachers come in many forms, and our ISRO scientists have been exceptional mentors, guiding our nation towards unexplored glory. Today it is the moon, and tomorrow it will be the sun. They have shown us the power of dedication, innovation, and teamwork. Through this initiative, we want to acknowledge their role in shaping the future of our students and our country."

The students are pouring their creativity and gratitude into each greeting card, with messages of thanks, admiration, and encouragement for the scientists who continue to make India proud.

These cards will be sent to ISRO in a spirit of camaraderie and respect, with the hope that they bring smiles to the faces of these dedicated professionals. The cards are prepared personally by the students, expressing gratitude and appreciation. Around 350 students are engaged in the making of the cards.

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Children across K'taka get a Story Akka

This Teacher's Day onwards, children across Karnataka will get to hear twice a week 'Story Akka, a radio programme series in Kannada that launches on All India Radio, Akashvani. The series is designed for children to gain empathy for and understanding of people with disabilities and features heartwarming stories as well as information on digital assistive technologies.

'Story Akka' (Story Sister in Kannada) not only showcases the spirit of innovation but also incorporates educational elements in math and science to enrich young minds.

The programmes can be heard live on the NewsOnAir app of Prasara Bharati, available on the Apple App Store and Android's Playstore.

The 10-minute-long programmes will be broadcast twice a week, on Tuesday and Saturday evenings at 5:45 on Akashvani across the districts of Karnataka, including Bengaluru (612 KHz), Dharwad (MW 765 KHz), Kalaburagi (1107 KHz MW), Mangaluru (FM 100.3), Mysuru (FM 100.6), Bhadravati (FM 103.5), Hassan (FM 102.2), Madikeri, Chitradurga, Hosapete (FM 100.5), Raichur (FM 102.1), Karwar (FM 102.3), and Vijayapura (FM 1.8).

The radio series is part of a larger collaborative effort between leading research, academic, and non-profit institutes, namely the CAGS - IIIT Bangalore, Vision Empower, and Microsoft Research India.

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Split wide open

Layouts being split up into different wards and lack of cohesiveness figure prominently in citizens' objections to draft delimitation plan

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As the deadline for submitting objections to the draft ward delimitation copy came to a close on September 2, the Department of Urban Development received close to 1,400 objections. Among the issues that citizen activists have with the draft delimitation, is that some layouts have been split up and now falls into different wards.

The department had proposed the delimitation of 225 wards and invited objections to its draft. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike had also uploaded maps detailing various aspects of the delimited wards such as area, population and constituency. As per the High Court Order, the exercise of delimitation of wards needs to be completed before September 18.

Among the objections received were some about splitting of layouts into different wards and lack of cohesiveness and completeness in the plans.

Sandeep Anirudhan, convenor, Namma Whitefield RWA Federation, stated in his objection copy submitted to the Department of Urban Development, "Whitefield Ward is formed with parts of Whitefield Village and surrounding villages, such as Pattandur Agrahara Village, Nallurhalli Village and some villages south of it. However, Pattandur Agrahara Village has been fractured, and parts of it, ie., the stretch between ITPL Main Road and ECC Road, has been abruptly added to Belathur Ward 98, which is too far away. This stretch is not contiguous, separated by the 700-acre Kadugodi Forest in between. This will lead to the areas of ECC Road, Swami Vivekananda Road, Prithvi Layout, Patandur Agrahara, Dsilva Layout,



Whitefield residents' forum expresses concerns about splitting up of some villages into separate wards

“Pattandur Agrahara Village has been fractured, and parts of it, such as, the stretch between ITPL Main Road and ECC Road, has been added to Belathur Ward 98

—Sandeep Anirudhan, RWA forum

Prashant Layout Extn, etc., to suffer from poor governance, as they will be hampered access to ward offices and services. Historically, Whitefield has denoted Whitefield Inner Circle, Outer Circle and the area from there to the Whitefield Railway Station. This continuity and cogency has also been fragmented.”

He added that fragmenting the Pattandur Agrahara village into multiple parts is bad for continuity. "A ward is the basic unit of governance, it needs to have proper identity,

cohesiveness, completeness and integration, and proper spread of services. This can be easily achieved by retaining village boundaries intact. Ideally, the ward should be either a single village or a combination of multiple villages, retaining the integrity of the old village boundaries. This has not taken place. Ward boundaries are splitting up villages between multiple wards, which is not acceptable at all. The wards should also have geographic compactness and radial uniformity. The Belathur ward is too long and disjointed without any radial uniformity. Adding Pattandur Agrahara to Belathur Ward is illogical and faulty."

The Bengaluru Navanirman Party (BNP) also added that splitting a single layout or neighbourhood into two distinct wards can have several unfavourable effects on the local government, representation, grievance redressal process, and the lives of the citizens. "For example, Classic Orchards residential layout has been divided into RBI layout (new ward no 207) and Hulimavu (new ward 216).

This layout was earlier under Gottigere ward and Bangalore South assembly constituency. This divide also puts it into two different assembly constituencies (Bangalore South and Bommanahalli) and parliamentary constituencies (Bangalore Rural and Bangalore South). Unlike earlier, now the residents have to deal with two sets of civic agencies instead of one," stated BNP's objection.

They gave another example of the Versova layout. "As per the delimitation draft, the houses in the east of 1st main are in new Thippasandra (ward 122) and houses in the west of 1st main are in Jalakanteshwara Nagar (ward 123). Similarly, a portion of the Defence Layout comes under Ward 13 - Vidyaranyapura - and the remaining in Ward 14 - Kuvempunagar. Another example of complete disregard for public consultation in the development process is, that an apartment complex, Brigade Millennium has been split into Puttena Halli (old ward number 187) and Sarakki Lake (new ward number 121)," stated their objection.

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Partial shutdown Muthanallur Circle



A segment of the road near Muthanallur Circle has been blocked, due to damage caused by concrete mixing companies. This raises issues of road maintenance and safety.

Road to despair OTC Road



The deplorable condition of OTC Road has garnered criticism from citizens, highlighting the need for better road maintenance efforts.

Leaky path Ashok Nagar



Water leakage on Mother Teresa Main Road near Ashok Nagar Old Police Station has resulted in hazardous road condition, putting two-wheeler riders at risk of accidents.

Give us smooth public transport any day

A survey by the Personal2Public campaign has found that 95% of 3,855 respondents, who are currently using private vehicles to reach their offices, are willing to shift to the metro use. With the much-awaited metro lines to Whitefield and Electronic City expected to be operational in September 2023 and January 2024 respectively, extending the Namma Metro network to an estimated 93 km, the campaign hopes to promote usage of public transport.

Launched in July, the survey questionnaire looked at commuter travel patterns to identify gaps in accessing public transport. While the questionnaire was open to all, it solicited participation from commuters and residents in the Whitefield, Mahadevapura, Electronic City, and Outer Ring Road (ORR) areas. These



Metro network will extend to around 93 km by 2024

regions house approximately 10 lakh employees and will be connected to the upcoming metro lines. Of the 3,855 respondents, a majority (close to 60%) use their personal vehicles for travel every day - 1,172 being car users and 1,046 use two-wheelers.

The survey has found that car users spend about 1-1.5 hours in one direction as compared to 45 minutes

to 1 hour spent by metro users, when travelling to the very same areas. It has found that car and two-wheeler users are ready to shift to the metro if it reduces their door-to-door travel time while seamless integration and travel time were a priority over travel cost for users. 62% percent of the respondents who currently use public transport also want better foot-paths and 33% want increased bus frequency. Existing public transport users and non-users unequivocally stated that improved first and last mile connection, with seamless multi-modal integration, will encourage more people to use public transport.

The survey has also found that nearly 50% of women respondents depend on various shared mobility, preferring regular public transport over private modes along with app-based auto and four-wheeler services.

40% of women respondents highlighted challenges such as lack of reliable first and last-mile services and the need for seamless connectivity as well as a common ticketing service.

Revathy Ashok, CEO, B.PAC said, "Bengaluru Commuter survey findings has yet again established that citizens of Bengaluru are willing to shift from private vehicles and travel in public transport if there is seamless and comfortable access to first and last mile connectivity."

Srinivas Alavilli, Fellow, WRI India said, "The only long-term solution to our traffic problem is public transport. 2023 is going to be a milestone year for Brand Bengaluru, as Metro connects Whitefield to the rest of the city. We are working to improve first and last-mile access by collaborating with government agencies."

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Criminals on the web target women

Man blackmails ex and swindlers pose as cops to flick over Rs 90K from woman

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Karnataka police have registered 4,185 cases in the state for cybercrime against women. In the latest such case, the Bengaluru police detained a man for allegedly recording personal encounters with a former coworker and using such recordings to blackmail the woman.

The suspect was identified as Amir Faisal, a 26-year-old who hails from Assam, by the Southeast Cybercrime Division. The two were colleagues and had met two years ago. When they got close, the man is said to have filmed her.

According to the police, as the accused suspected the woman and frequently harassed her, their relationship deteriorated over time. The woman then started to separate herself from him. The culprit left his work and went back to Assam, where he allegedly continued to abuse the victim. He used to call her frequently and request a meeting. She objected, the police said.

After that, the accused allegedly created fake Instagram profiles in the victim's name and posted some of the woman's personal images there. According to the authorities, he gave the woman the link and insisted she see him whenever he asked.

She reported this to the police. After re-

questing that the woman meet him there, the offender was apprehended in Chennai. The police accompanied the woman to Chennai and set up a trap to capture the suspect.

The police officials believe that the man would have blackmailed other women as well, so further investigation is on.

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—Police official

In another case, a techie received a call lately from cybercriminals pretending to be from the RTO and police from Mumbai, telling her that her car was involved in a hit-and-run in the city and that her bank accounts were being used to fund terrorism.

She was duped into sending Rs 97,000 to accounts the con artists gave her. The woman discovered she had been duped and went to the police before they could demand more money from her.

In her complaint, 26-year-old Manyata Tech Park resident Monika Chouhan said that on August 26, she had lost Rs 97,000 to online fraudsters.

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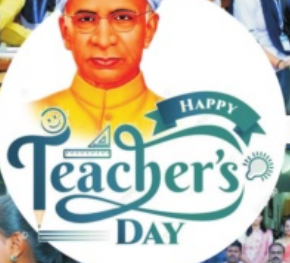


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AI joins fight against superbugs

Scientists are exploring new strategies to win the war against superbugs. Invisible to the naked eye, bacteria are constantly evolving in their quest for survival.

Over the years, the misuse and overuse of antibiotics have inadvertently fuelled the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, also known as 'superbugs'.

These superbugs are equipped with ingenious defence mechanisms, like forming castles of slime called biofilms, in which bacterial communities are well protected against attacks from antibiotics and the immune system.

In 2019, globally 1.27 million people died from antibiotic-resistant infections.

However, scientists are not backing down. They are arming themselves with cutting-edge treatment strategies and harnessing the power of artificial intelligence to combat this growing threat.

And there is global recognition of the importance of this work. In August 2023, G20 health ministers, meeting ahead of the main leaders summit in September, committed to a comprehensive strategy to continue the fight against antimicrobial resistance.

Imagine antibiotics as soldiers fighting bacteria on the battlefield.

Over time, some bacteria manage to survive the attack, passing on their resistance to their descendants. This process, accelerated by the misuse of antibiotics in medicine, agriculture and livestock, has led to the emergence of superbugs that can resist multiple antibiotics, rendering once-effective treatments useless.

Adding to this challenge is the formation of biofilms.

By default, bacteria like to stick together and build walls of slime around them. Within this 'slime castle', bacteria are extremely well protected against any enemy.

This makes bacteria in biofilms up to 1,000 times stronger in withstanding attacks from antibiotics or

AI models can simulate behaviour of biofilms and bacterial colonies that may help design strategies to disrupt these communities

Scientists use power of artificial intelligence to corner antibiotic-resistant bacteria



the immune system compared with single bacteria.

The close neighbourhood of bacteria enables them to 'chat' to each other, streamline defences and exchange information on how to become resistant to antibiotics.

Biofilms are involved in 80 per cent of infections in the human body that are difficult to treat.

The scientific community recognises the urgent need for new approaches to tackle antibiotic resistance and biofilms, particularly as no new classes of antibiotics have been discovered since the 1980s. **Researchers are exploring various strategies, some of which hold potential:**

Bacteriophages

Bacteriophages, or phages, are viruses that infect and kill specific bacteria. They can be engineered to target antibiotic-resistant bacteria without harming beneficial ones.

Antimicrobial peptides

The human immune system produces molecules known as antimicrobial peptides and antibodies to fight infections. Researchers are exploring the potential of these natural defenders as therapies. Antimicrobial peptides can directly target bacteria, while antibodies can tag bacteria for destruction by immune cells, enhancing the body's ability to clear infections.

Cold plasma medicine

Cold plasma, a state of matter

containing energetic ions, free electrons, and reactive particles, is being investigated for its antimicrobial properties. Cold plasma can inactivate bacteria by damaging their outer membranes, disrupting their cellular processes.

Antibiotic enhancers

Researchers are investigating strategies, such as small molecules (which are small enough to move through the biofilm slime and reach the bacteria inside), nanomedicine or oxygen therapy, that can weaken bacterial defences, making them vulnerable to antibiotics again.

Quorum sensing inhibitors

Bacteria communicate through chemical signals in a process called quorum sensing. This communication allows bacteria to coordinate their actions, including the formation of biofilms. Quorum sensing inhibitors are designed to disrupt this communication, preventing biofilm formation.

Biofilm disruptors

These agents target the structural integrity of biofilms, breaking them apart and exposing the bacteria within to antibiotics.

CRISPR-Cas technologies

Known for its gene-editing capabilities, CRISPR-Cas technology could be used to target and dis-

able antibiotic resistance genes within bacteria, potentially restoring their susceptibility to antibiotics. While these innovative strategies show promise, their development and optimisation require substantial research and experimentation. This is where artificial intelligence steps in.

AI algorithms can analyse vast databases of molecular information to identify potential compounds with antibacterial properties.

By simulating interactions between drugs and bacteria, AI accelerates the drug discovery process, helping scientists uncover novel treatment options more efficiently.

Additionally, AI-driven models can simulate the behaviour of biofilms and bacterial colonies, aiding researchers in designing strategies to disrupt these communities effectively.

This computational approach provides valuable insights that guide the development of treatments that can prevent persistent infections. The race against superbugs is a race against time.

The collaborative efforts of researchers worldwide, combined with innovative treatment strategies and AI-powered insights, provide hope for a brighter future.

While science is delivering potential new treatments, responsible antibiotic use is a key part of ensuring existing treatments remain effective.

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BITS & BYTES

GOOGLE ON DASHBOARD



Continental will integrate Google Cloud services into its vehicle cockpit system, the company said on Monday, enabling drivers to ask the vehicle for assistance such as context on nearby sights or information on the vehicle while driving. The two companies will use artificial intelligence to create a dialogue system in Continental's high-performance computer, the autos supplier said, demonstrating the technology at the IAA Mobility show in Munich, Germany.

Tech firms are in a race to control car-makers' dashboards as software turns an integral part of car design. **Reuters**

EDTECH FUNDING DIPS



Total funding in the Indian edtech sector plunged 48 per cent this year, compared with the same period in 2022, and declined by 50 per cent against the same period in 2021, a report showed on Monday. Only one over \$100 million funding round took place this year (till August 7).

Most of the funding into the domestic edtech startups so far was secured in the second quarter, at \$713 million, accounting for 73.4 per cent of the total funding raised this year, according to the data provided by Tracxn. The edtech market has been facing challenges due to decreasing demand for online education, ongoing funding constraints, rising interest rates and economic uncertainties. **IANs**

B'LURU TECH SUMMIT



The dates for next three editions of Karnataka's flagship event, Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) were announced by Priyank Kharge, Minister for Information Technology, Biotechnology, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

Addressing a press meet, Minister Priyank Kharge said that the 26th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS 2023) is scheduled to be held from November 29 – December 1 at the Bangalore Palace in Bengaluru. Dates for the next two editions were also announced: November 19-21 in both 2024 and 2025. He said that the event dates were announced early to encourage international tech organisations to plan their participation. **IANs**

Navigating neglect: Old Madras Road's grave pathway problems

Vacant site between business complexes has become unofficial dumping ground for all waste

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The black spot on Old Madras Road prompts serious concerns regarding the effectiveness of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), particularly its Solid Waste Management (SWM) Department. It not only has the potential to become an eyesore for motorists and pedestrians but also poses a health hazard to the residents of the Royal Heritage apartment complex and to the irresponsible drivers of auto-rickshaws and cabs who use it as an impromptu restroom.

The vacant site between the Royal Heritage apartment complex and a business complex on Old Madras Road is overrun with weeds and garbage. It has become an unofficial dumping ground for all types of waste, including tender coconut shells.

"This vacant site has become a nuisance for pedestrians, especially women. It is challenging for women pedestrians to navigate this stretch because this site is being used as an open toilet by auto-rickshaw and cab drivers," said Subramanyam S, a resident of Pai Layout.

Stating that the vacant site filled with garbage and weeds poses a health hazard, Ramesh N, a pedestrian, has called on BBMP authorities to penalise the landowner for neglecting to clear the weeds. "It is



The vacant space converted into dumping place and petty shops on the footpath are compelling pedestrians to walk on the busy roads

“It is the responsibility of BBMP authorities to clean the site if the landowner is unwilling to do so. The authorities should impose a penalty on the landowner.”

— Ramesh N, Pedestrian

the responsibility of BBMP authorities to clean the site if the landowner is unwilling to do so. The authorities should impose a penalty on the landowner. Hundreds of people disembarked from KSRTC and APSRTC buses near this spot. This sends a wrong message to people from other states visiting Bengaluru. I urge BBMP authorities to take measures to ensure that this land is free from garbage and

weeds,” said Ramesh.

A mound of waste material in front of the DSS Office has become an obstacle for motorists. The waste has been left on the road for quite some time, as evidenced by the presence of plants and grass. "I am unaware of who is responsible for dumping waste material here. I request BBMP authorities or traffic police to remove it to ensure smooth traffic flow on this stretch," said Selvamani P, another pedestrian.

Encroachments on the footpaths continue unabated along this road. Despite a High Court order, BBMP authorities removed unauthorised shops from the footpaths to no avail. "Broken or missing concrete slabs on the footpath and encroachers have become problems for pedestrians. I expect BBMP authorities to ensure that footpaths are designated for pedestrians and not for petty shops," said a resident



who preferred to remain anonymous.

Meanwhile, BBMP Solid Waste Management Assistant Executive Engineer Srinidhi has pledged to take measures to clear the garbage from the vacant site. "I will dispatch workers to remove the garbage and waste dumped on the vacant site. There used to be a public toilet, but it was demolished due to the ongoing Namma Metro construction work. The absence of a public toilet is the reason people are using the vacant site for relief," said the assistant executive engineer.

Will BBMP clean the vacant site and ensure that footpaths remain free from encroachments? Hapless pedestrians will have to wait and see.

K'taka firm in Cauvery dispute

In response to the ongoing dispute over Cauvery water sharing, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar emphasised the state's commitment to protecting the interests of its farmers.

Shivakumar told reporters, "We are protecting the interest of Karnataka's farmers. We know how to protect Karnataka farmers. BJP and JDS are doing politics. They demanded 25,000 cusecs of water. We agreed on 3,000 cusecs and now the court has given direction on 5,000 cusecs. The matter is in court again, we are appealing before the authorities for it to be reduced because there is no rain".

The Karnataka Deputy CM had earlier suggested that the only solution to the long-running dispute was the Mekedatu project.

The Mekedatu project aims to create a balancing reservoir on the Cauvery River in Karnataka. It involves the construction of a reservoir near Kanakapura, which would help provide drinking water to Bengaluru and support agricultural activities in the Cauvery basin.

The Deputy CM's comments were met with criticism from former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai who said that the state government had failed its people.

"The Karnataka govt has totally failed the farmers of Karnataka. It is a directionless government that is not able to protect the interests of the state in inter-state water disputes, farmers are in despair" said Basavaraj Bommai.

Tamil Nadu government approached the top court seeking direction to Karnataka to release 24,000 cusecs of water daily per day from the reservoirs in Karnataka. Karnataka government also filed an affidavit last week opposing Tamil Nadu's application saying that the application is based on an assumption that this year is the normal rain-water year.

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Soon, book BMTC bus tickets online

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BMTC is set to provide a ticket booking experience similar to flight reservations, bringing convenience to bus commuters. As part of BMTC's jubilee celebrations, an existing app will receive a substantial update on September 25.

This development will be a relief for bus users, enabling them to effortlessly book tickets using their smartphones, aligning with the expectations of tech-savvy residents in the IT city. It caters to the growing demand for mobile-centric services and offers a user-friendly method for booking bus tickets.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said, "On September 25, we will launch a new app for BMTC. This app will offer booking options for buses, akin to booking flight tickets. Additionally, it will provide real-time information on bus arrivals and departures. In today's digital age, nearly everyone owns a smartphone, which will significantly reduce the burden on conductors."

Earlier this April, BMTC introduced the 'Namma BMTC' app after a two-year delay. This app, currently overseeing 5032 buses via VTUs, provides a range of commuter-friendly services. It enables users to identify nearby bus stops, plan their journeys, track buses in real time, and access information about various facilities at each bus station.

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5+ acres of lake land encroached upon

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but has also become a breeding place for mosquitoes," said Nagaraj S, a resident of KR Puram.

The rejuvenation of the 64-acre lake is expected to add value to the areas around it and also to help the ground water table improve in KR Puram, TC Palya, Devasandra and nearby localities. But the delay in work is causing further pollution of ground water as the lake bund along Old Madras Road has become a destination for dumping of all types of debris.

"It has been more than six years since we began demanding that the authorities rejuvenate the lake, but nothing has happened till date. It is shocking that more than five acres of lake land has been encroached upon. I demand that the BBMP Lakes Department commence desilting of the lake without any delay," said Balaji Raghotham, a lake activist. He



added that some residents of the area were letting sewage into the lake.

Expressing a similar opinion, Purushotham, a resident of Ashraya Layout, said the residents and lake activists were kept in the dark about the ongoing developmental works at Vengaihal Lake.

"None of us have any clue about the on-going developmental works. The authorities are still working on the sewage diversion canal. I do not know when the authorities will complete the construction of the sewage diversion canal and commence rejuvenation of the lake," said Purushotham.

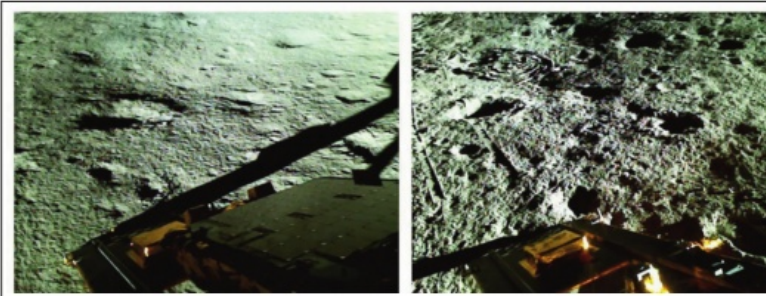
Coming down heavily on the authorities for not acting tough against those who encroached on lake land, Karnataka Farmers and Vendors Federation president Ele Srinivas said the authorities concerned are not interested in safe-

guarding government land from the encroachers.

"We have approached the Assistant Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner seeking to reclaim the government land but instead of taking action against the encroachers, the officers have advised us to approach the court. Is it not their duty to protect the lake land?" asked Srinivas.

Meanwhile, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Executive Engineer (Lakes) Bhuprada has said that a meeting was held with National Highway Authority (NHA) officials for constructing trenchless pipeline to drain water from the lake. "The outlet of the lake passes under the road near Battarahalli Junction. The rejuvenation of the lake is delayed due to the delay in getting permission from the NHA for constructing trenchless pipeline. We will start the construction of the trenchless pipeline after completing all the formalities," the BBMP executive engineer said.

'Vikram Lander is set into sleep mode'



Pre and post hop ramp images captured by Lander

In a major development, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) announced that the 'Vikram Lander' has been set into sleep mode at around 08 AM (Indian Standard Time) on Monday morning.

ISRO said that the data collected by the payloads is received at the Earth and the Payloads are now switched off. It is expected by ISRO that Vikram Lander and Pragyaan will awake again on around September 22.

"Vikram Lander is set into sleep mode around 08:00 Hrs. IST today. Prior to that, in-situ experiments by ChaSTE, RAMBHA-LP and ILSA payloads are performed at the new location. The data collected is received at the Earth. Payloads are now switched off. Lander receivers are kept ON.

Vikram will fall asleep next to Pragyaan once the solar power is depleted and the battery is drained. Hoping for their awakening, around September 22, 2023," ISRO posted on X.

The Vikram lander was carrying the Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE) to measure surface thermal properties, the Instrument for

Lunar Seismic Activity (ILSA) to measure seismicity around the landing site, the Radio Anatomy of Moon Bound Hypersensitive ionosphere and Atmosphere (RAMBHA) to study the gas and plasma environment, and a passive laser retroreflector array provided by NASA for lunar ranging studies.

On August 23, India took a giant leap as the Chandrayaan-3 lander module successfully landed on the moon's South Pole, making it the first country to have achieved the historic feat and bringing to an end the disappointment over the crash landing of the Chandrayaan-2, four years ago.

Overall, India became the fourth country – after the US, China, and Russia – to have successfully landed on the moon's surface.

After having landed, the Vikram Lander and the Pragyaan rover performed different set tasks on the lunar surface, including finding the presence of sulphur and recording relative temperature. Upon landing, the lander and the rover were to operate for one lunar day. One day on the Moon is equal to 14 days on Earth. ANI

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Issues crop up with smart city projects

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by December 2023 and all projects will be wrapped up by June 2024. Out of 46 projects in the city, 32 included the revitalisation of various stretches in the city centre. All 32 roads are ready," said a BSCL official. BSCL also informed BM that the Centre and state governments have cumulatively released Rs 804 crore between 2018-19 and 2022-23. The majority of the sanctioned fund has been utilised and the pending amount of Rs 186 crore will soon be released.

"We have already sent the proposal to the government of India and the remaining amount will be released in a couple of months," said the official.

While BSCL claims to have completed all 32 road projects, citizens highlight various issues still plaguing these stretches. They say BSCL did not take a comprehensive approach and the quality of work is questionable too.

No walkability

"The quality of these roads, whether with regard to road surface or street lights, has been poor. Moreover, the walkability index of smart city roads is poor. For instance, Miller Road had to be re-tarred within one year of its renovation by BSCL and parking slots were provided on walkways. There are five bus shelters near Ambedkar Bhavan on

Miller Road and one of them is very close to the traffic signal. When the issue was taken up with BSCL officials, they declined to take it up stating bus shelters are not their responsibility. BSCL also razed down the flat raised pedestrian crossing near Jain hospital and never restored it. They should have taken up the roads comprehensively," said Rajkumar Dugar, a civic activist.

Commuters using Palace Road during the night hours say more often than not, the street lights malfunction, leaving many dark spots and making it dangerous for the commuters. Many raised the issue of gaping holes in the pavements of Infantry Road done by BSCL.

"Pavements on Infantry Road have gaping holes. This is dangerous especially during the night. I have seen pedestrians avoiding the walkway and walking on the main road instead," said another commuter.

Dispensary Road and Commercial Street, another set of smart city roads, suffer from lack of dustbins, leading to heaps of garbage dumped on pedestrian ways and often strewn around on the road.

"Litter bins were installed by BSCL a few months ago, immediately after they completed their work. However, they were removed soon after and never got replaced. Now, garbage is being dumped on pedestrian walks," said a trader on Dispensary Road.



Having shiny, smooth, healthy locks is a dream for most of us. But if your hair goes through heating tools, using multiple products and hair colouring on a regular basis you might feel you are far from achieving your dream hair. However, with the right products and the following tips and tricks, you can improve the texture and look of your hair within few weeks.

Haircare doesn't have to burn a hole in your pockets. Here are some natural ways on how to make hair silky, smooth and shiny without having to squander your money on high-end salon treatments.

1 Coconut Oil

Coconut oil can leave your hair glistening and shiny. This is the most basic recommendation by every hair expert. It contains vitamins and fatty acids that give you longer, shinier and smoother hair. Research suggests that coconut oil penetrates more deeply into the hair shaft leaving the hair smoother and softer.

How To Use

Step 1: In a bowl, add three to four tablespoons of Coconut Oil and heat it for a few seconds till it is warm.

Step 2: Massage this warm oil on your scalp for 15 minutes using your fingertips.

Step 3: Now, cover your hair with a shower cap for 20-25 minutes.

Step 4: Wash it off with a mild shampoo.

2 Aloe Vera Mask

Aloe vera has been used for centuries for its healing properties. Besides its skin benefits, did you know it can strengthen your hair, promotes hair growth and can calm an itchy scalp? Aloe vera contains enzymes that can repair damaged cells in your scalp and gives you healthy hair growth. Try the below hair mask for silky and healthy locks:

How To Use

Step 1: Extract the gel from the leaf of Aloe Vera into a bowl.

Step 2: Blend it to achieve a smooth paste and mix it with some water to dilute it.

Step 3: Apply this solution to your hair with the help of a brush and let it sit for 30 minutes.

Step 4: Rinse with cold water.

3 Yogurt And Banana Hair Mask

Bananas and Yogurt are two popular ingredients that are widely used in homemade packs be it skin or hair. The lactic acid in yogurt hydrates your hair, clears dead skin cells and helps hair follicle growth. Try the below mask for hair softening:

How To Use

Step 1: In a bowl, mix 2 table-spoons of plain yogurt, 1 mashed ripe banana.

Step 2: Divide your hair into sections start applying a hair mask from your roots to the tips.

Step 3: Cover your hair with a

TRESS PASS

8 expert-approved tips on how to make hair silky



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Does diet affect our hair texture?

● Yes, diet does affect our hair texture. Healthy, shiny hair starts from within. Our hair needs proteins and vitamins as much as our body does. You can take a multi-vitamin or include iron-rich foods like fish, green leafy vegetables, beets, beans, etc. Incorporate vitamin A, vitamin C, silica and omega-3 fatty acids for the soft, shiny and long mane.

How often should I shampoo my hair for shiny locks?

● Shampooing cleanses your hair and removes dirt and grime. However, do not shampoo your hair daily. Over-shampooing can strip your hair of its natural oils. Instead, consider shampooing

twice or thrice a week. If you have hair that is super oily, you can increase the frequency. Do not forget to follow it up with a good conditioner.

Does washing my hair with cold water make it shiny and smooth?

● Yes, experts confirm that cold water can help seal in the shine and minimize frizz. Coldwater ensures that your scalp remains cleaner by closing its pores. Hot water makes hair cuticles open while cold water seals the cuticle back up. Coldwater ensures your scalp remains cleaner for longer making it less vulnerable to grease, oil and dirt. It preserves natural oils making it smooth and shiny.

shower cap for 20-30 minutes.

Step 4: Rinse it with shampoo and cold water.

4 Apple Cider Vinegar

This ingredient can be used not only on your salads and pickles

but works great on your hair too. Apple cider vinegar contains acetic acid which helps in restoring the shine of your hair and reducing dryness. It is an all-in-one solution to all of your hair problems-dandruff, dry hair, itchy scalp, boosts hair growth and gives you healthy, nourished and shiny locks. Here is a homemade DIY you must try:

How To Use

Step 1: In a bowl, dilute equal parts of apple cider vinegar with water. I usually store it in a spray bottle which makes it easier.

Step 2: Shampoo and condition your hair as usual.

Step 3: Once you've conditioned your hair, rinse it with the apple cider vinegar solution.

Step 4: Keep the solution for 15 minutes and then rinse it with water.

Pro Tip: You can add a few drops of essential oils to make it smell better as vinegar can be too smelly.

5 Onion Juice

Onions contain anti-inflammatory and anti-microbial properties that strengthen the hair and minimise hair fall. It gives relief from dry, itchy scalp and moistures dull hair giving you silky hair. Prepare the below hair mask using onion juice to get a well-nourished scalp and luscious locks.

How To Use

Step 1: Slice an Onion and blend it to extract its juice in a cup.

Step 2: Next up, add 1 teaspoon of coconut oil or olive oil. Mix it well.

Step 3: Gently massage this mixture onto your scalp and let it sit for 20 minutes.

Step 4: Rinse off with a mild shampoo.

6 Use A Heat Protective Serum

We love styling our hair using heating tools for silky smooth hair. Using heating tools over time will reduce the luster and degrade the quality of your hair. Try to avoid using them on a regular basis. Always use a heat-protectant serum or spray on your hair before turning up the heat.

7 Brushing Your Hair With Care

Brushing your hair straight away after showering is the cause of breakage and frizz. Also brushing hair vigorously, especially with plastic brushes, can create a static charge, making the hair dry and brittle. Always brush your hair after they are completely dried. Use a wide-toothed comb on damp hair for smooth strands.

8 Sleep On Silk Pillowcase

Hair experts suggest that sleeping on a silk pillowcase can do wonders for your hair. It helps to avoid frizz and breakage. Silk pillowcases are said to maintain moisture on the scalp and reduce friction, leading to soft, strong and healthy hair.

— Sukriti Shahi for Femina

MIND, BODY & HEART



All you need to know about...

Symptoms of high BP

Headache

Headaches are among the most common symptoms of high blood pressure. Although headaches can occur for a variety of reasons, it is a good idea to monitor your blood pressure if you have persistent headaches.

Chest pain

The heart is a muscular organ, and if it is feeling tired pumping blood, it is likely that you will experience chest pains.

Dizziness

While dizziness is not an exclusive symptom of high blood pressure, if you experience it with the other symptoms and are also in a lot of stress, you need to keep a check on your dizziness.

Shortness of breath

Do you feel breathless after climbing merely one flight of stairs? Get your blood pressure checked. While there could be several reasons for this. Among them is pulmonary hypertension, which means high blood pressure in the arteries connecting the heart and lungs.

Fatigue and weakness

Fatigue and weakness also can occur for a variety of reasons, but can well be an indicator of high blood pressure. Hypertension does cause tiredness since the vital organ of the body, the heart is overworked.

Blurred vision

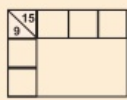
Since high blood pressure can affect many organs in the body, it affects the blood vessels in the retina as well. They get stiffer and harden up. And that can lead to blurred vision.

Anxiety

Do you find yourself becoming anxious with every minute problem? High blood pressure is related to extreme levels of anxiety as well as stress.

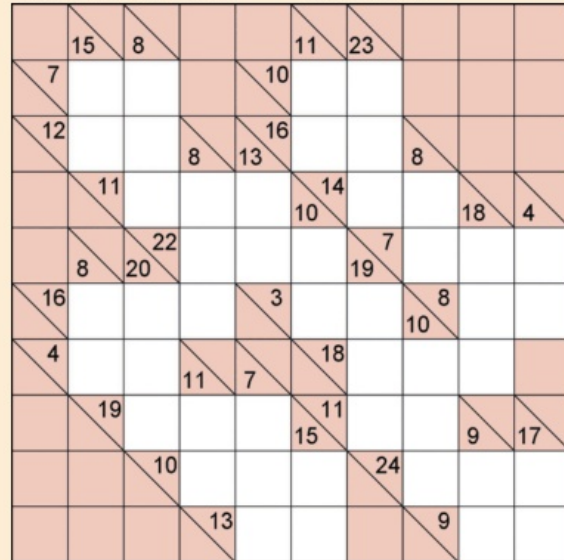
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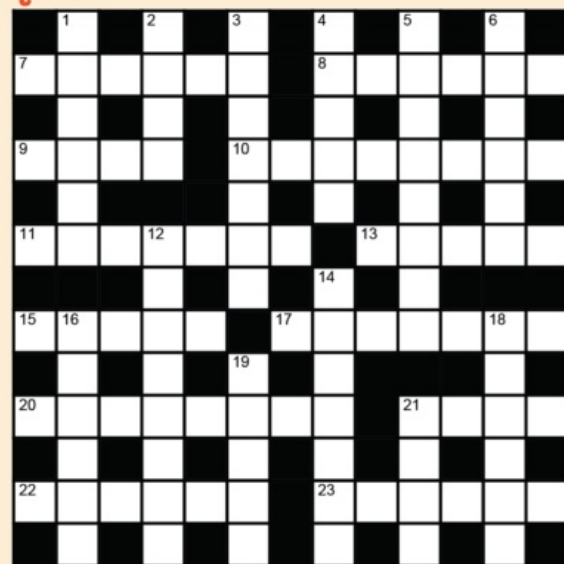


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- 11 Rats, squirrels, and other pests? (7)
- 13 Obscene (5)
- 15 Made ____ : employed? (3,2)
- 17 Moves swiftly - like the wind, perhaps? (7)
- 20 Pest or irritation (8)
- 21 Asian desert (4)
- 22 Disappear (6)
- 23 Drops or reduces (6)

DOWN

- 1 North American country (6)
- 2 Mothers (4)
- 3 Hands in or presents (7)
- 4 Flat surface (5)
- 5 Buy (8)
- 6 A pal or a mate (6)
- 12 Self-centred (8)
- 14 Tidy or well-behaved (7)
- 16 Steam baths (6)
- 18 Small pieces of live coal etc. in dying fire (6)
- 19 National park home to tigers, panthers and elephants (5)
- 21 Loose, flowing garment (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS D
 PGDE QFQ'P LOIP FP ZXXQ,
 PGDE LOIPDQ FP LDQIDNQOE.



Linemaro

The more people I meet, the more I realise that I only wanna be with you



Mindchow

Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines



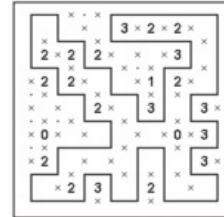
Joke of the day

A book just fell on my head. I have only my shelf to blame

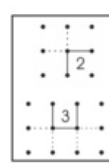
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

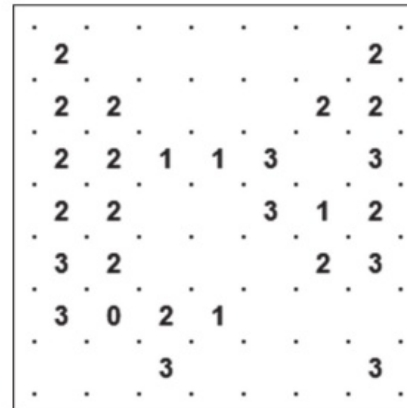


(Fig B) Not Allowed

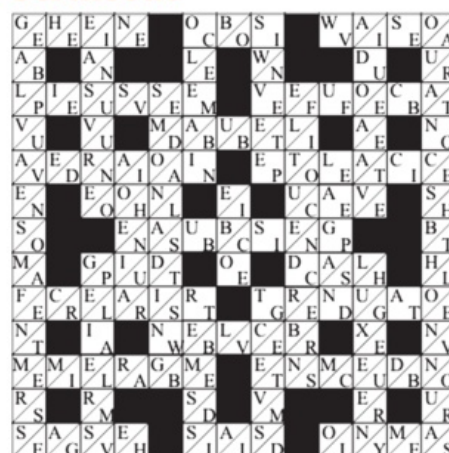
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



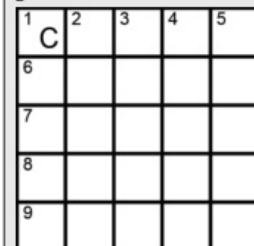
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

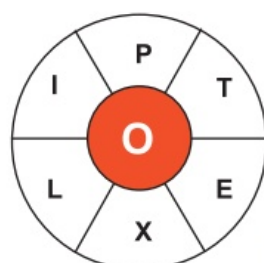
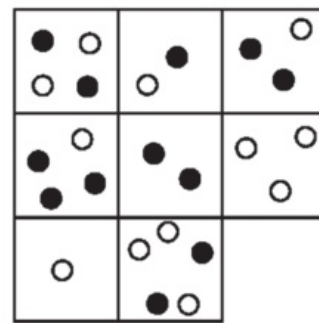
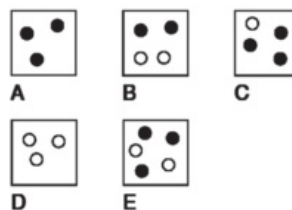
- 1 Sir BC; 6 Siren;
- 7 Oasis; 8 N Huck;
- 9 Is gee

DOWN

- 1 Or CCs; 2 Irish;
- 3 Is use; 4 Begin;
- 5 Skean

Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing tile?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ = 4

2 6 6 6

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ = 7

3 3 7 8

Hard

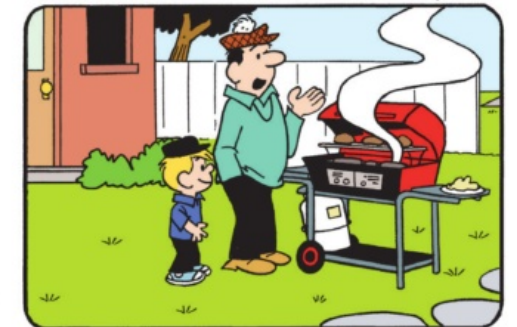
□ □ □ □ □ = 27

1 2 9 2

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's arm is moved. 2. Handle is added to grill. 3. Shelf is wider on side of grill. 4. Door is closed. 5. Fence is not as wide. 6. Wheel is different.

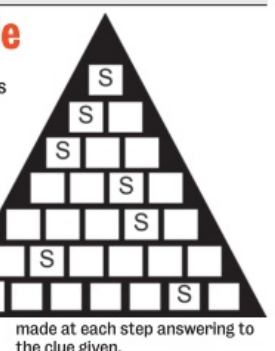
Riddler

Five golfers participate in the US Open golf tournament: Rory, Brooks, John, Cameron et Scotty. They wear white, pink, yellow, green and blue golf shirts. Hints: Rory and the golfer wearing the yellow shirt are not friends. Brooks, John and the golfer wearing the green shirt are friends. Cameron, John and Brooks play golf with the guy in the blue shirt. The golfer wearing the pink shirt has played golf with Cameron, Scotty and Brooks but has never played golf with the one wearing the yellow shirt.

Alpha triangle

- 1 Curved letter
- 2 Selenium for the chemists
- 3 Collection
- 4 Toward the Levant
- 5 Poke fun at
- 6 Will subject
- 7 Most tidy

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



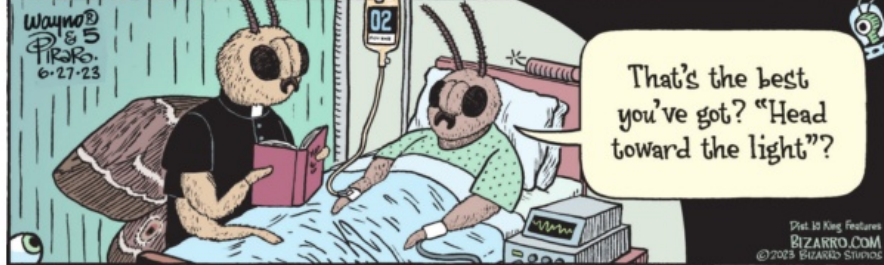
made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



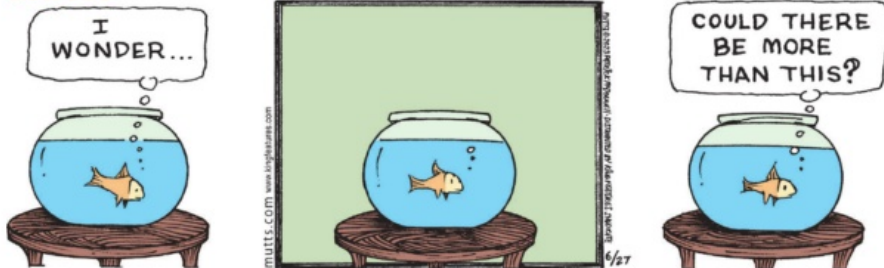
Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

You may be happy due to a blessing from an auspicious planetary combination. You may have a certain energy that can enhance your prestige among the people around you. You may choose to spend your time studying intellectual subjects.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, you may have good patience. Meditation may help you increase concentration, which, in turn, can help speed up your project. Your subordinates may cooperate with you, which may help you complete the project before the deadline. You may also be likely to go on some short travels related to work. An influential person may assist you in boosting your network.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today, the situation is under control. Your destiny may likely be with you in terms of gains from past investments. You may receive some rewards for your hard work. Projects that were stopped without reason may be likely to be reinstituted. You can expect a peaceful religious journey. You may also plan to donate some amount to a religious place or to a charity.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, at the beginning of the day, it may be dull. However, after late evening, you may gain better control over negativity. New people may connect with you on the work front. With the help of these new connections, you may try to revamp your business plans. It is advised to read documents before putting your signature.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, you may be busy with family get-togethers and social events. You may become more polite with the people around you, which can increase your prestige among them. You may spend money on buying some artifacts or household items, which may improve your social status. You may also be likely to hear some good news from one of your relatives.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, your moon is not in a positive position, and you may experience health issues. You may also face losses in your business or from past investments. It is advised not to invest in any new business, as your gains may turn into losses. Therefore, you are advised to refrain from making investments in worthless objects.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, with the help of blessings, you may gain control over your indecisiveness. Your child's health is better now. Your colleagues may be supportive of your work, which will lead to success in terms of the project. You can expect to receive some incentives along with your salary. Natives related to dairy, water projects, grains, homemaking, art, and culture may do well.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you will be busy with a family get-together. You may re-establish your network, which will benefit you in the near future. Individuals related to glamour, art, fashion, films, and media may plan to do something new in terms of their profession. Students may perform better today in their studies. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today is a good day for your work, and you may perform well in terms of your job. Your boss may be likely to give you new responsibilities as part of a promotion. Disputes with your partner may be settled. You may lend money to build your assets. Your child's health may be better now. You may also consider making some investments for your child's future.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, you may be planning to migrate from your current place to another. It is advised to think twice before making decisions regarding migration or changing your place. You may also be planning to change jobs, which can bring peace of mind. However, your child's health might make you upset. It is advised to avoid speculation in your investments.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may be busy on the work front, which could make you mentally tired and affect your daily routine. You may also have the opportunity to create an overseas network. Be cautious in terms of investments. Those in their jobs may receive promotions.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today, you may be blessed by the moon. Love will be in the air in terms of your personal life, and singles may find a suitable match. You may perform well in terms of your professional life, with support from your friends and subordinate staff. Investments in gems and jewellery may likely yield positive gains in the near future. You should also be careful regarding the health of your elders.



KIDZONE



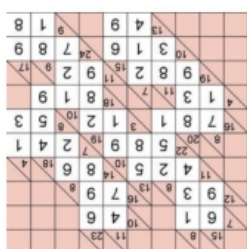
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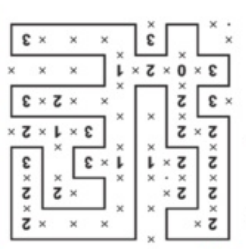
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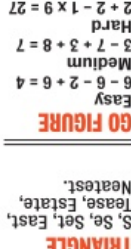
SOLUTIONS



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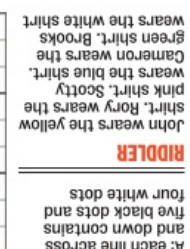
ALPHA



LOOP



SUDOKU



MENSA PUZZLE



QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS EYE



SOLVE IN 1M

Suhana Khan

Suhana Khan was recently asked about her character Veronica in her debut film, 'The Archies' and how she would react if she finds out her boyfriend was flirting with and messaging other women online. Suhana told Vogue India that Veronica had already got a long list of boys chasing after her and she's going to text other boys herself. However, in real life, Suhana feels very differently than Veronica. The young diva said that if it happened in real life, she would dump her cheating boyfriend because she is the type of girl who strictly likes a 'one-woman man.'



Cheating is one of the most devastating reasons for a relationship to end, not only for us but also our Bollywood celebrities.

Time and again many Bollywood actresses have come forward and expressed how they feel about infidelity in a relationship. While Suhana Khan became the recent one to speak about it, many actresses like Deepika Padukone, Priyanka Chopra, Katrina Kaif and others have spoken about it in the past. Take a look...
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CHEAT SHEET

Five actresses who have spoken about infidelity in relationships

Deepika Padukone

During the release of her film, 'Gehraiyaan', Deepika spoke about infidelity and told 'We Are Yuvaa' that it is something that she personally doesn't endorse. However, she went on to add that she doesn't think she is anyone to judge someone else's relationship, whether it has happened or not happened, or whether they are okay with it or not okay with it. According to her, relationships are truly based on connections and when you have lost that connection in itself, then there is no relationship. The actress also went on to add that although physical infidelity is not okay, even emotional infidelity is far more hurtful than anything else.



Katrina Kaif

Katrina Kaif has often spoken about her definition of love and relationship. In an interview with TOI, Katrina had confessed that she is a romantic person at heart and if there is one thing she is absolutely sure about, it's that she will demand absolute faithfulness from her partner. The actress also added that she will 'not tolerate infidelity'.



Bipasha Basu

After her past relationships with Dino Morea and John Abraham, Bipasha is happily married to actor Karan Singh Grover today. In an interview with Filmfare, the actress had shared her opinion on the concept of cheating. She said, "Infidelity exists everywhere. It's not only about our industry. The most depressing part is that it's become a way to climb the ladder for many. People do it because they want to reach somewhere. Personally, for me, infidelity is a deal breaker. You just can't go back from something like that."



Priyanka Chopra

Priyanka Chopra tied the knot with the love of her life, Nick Jonas in 2018. Before that, in an interview with Filmfare, Priyanka revealed what she would do with her husband if she ever caught him cheating on her. She said, "Cheating here and there is an individual thing whether the girl wants to accept the guy after he's slept with someone else. I'd probably beat the shit out of him first, lock him up, and then I don't know what I'd do. I'm probably the kind of person who'd get violent."



SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

New genre

Vachan, who debuts as an independent director, is busy with post-production work of Danthekathe. The film's poster was released by Crazy Star Ravichandran at MMB Legacy recently. Many upcoming and established directors prefer Ravichandran to launch the title of their movies as they consider it as good luck.

The movie is being made under the Halmidi Productions and Janarathan Productions banners.

"Danthekathe is a different movie. Though it revolves around a police investigation, it does not belong to typical police investigation genre - the probe is into a case reported at a police station at a remote place," said Vachan.

Raghu Mukherjee, Kishore, Ravi Shankar, and Yasha Shiva-kumar are the important cast in this movie. "Raghu Mukherjee and Kishore play police inspectors while Ravi Shankar plays their superior," he said.



Triple role

Actor-cum-director SR Pramod is all set to play another role - that of producer - in Sandalwood with the movie Kumara. Pramod, who hails from Channarayana, has been only into direction so far. The muhurat of the movie was held at Maruthi Temple, Vijayanagara, recently. NRK Vishwanath, president, Kannada Movie Directors' Association sounded the clapboard for the muhurat shot.

Pramod has helmed Kannada movies such as Om Shanti Om, Asthira, Baluvantha Hoove, and Aathma. Now, he has established Pramod Pictures to bankroll Kannada movies.

He has written the script, apart from playing the lead and helming and bankrolling the movie.

According to the director, the script of the movie is about incidents that take place in a village. "The movie's story is fictitious. It revolves around a village where a landlord rules the roost. The hero visits the landlord's house and the landlord's daughter goes missing. It has elements of love, sentiment, emotion and violence," the director said.

Archana is paired opposite Pramod.

